

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of TYLER BRETHOUR, MADISON  
MIDDLETON, and BRETT MIDDLETON, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHRISTY LYNN MIDDLETON and DOUGLAS  
ALLEN MIDDLETON,

Respondents-Appellants,

and

ROBERT BRETHOUR,

Respondent.

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No. 217036

Midland Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-000159 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Zahra and Pavlich\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents-appellants appeal as of right from a family court opinion and order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the family court did not err in terminating respondents-appellants' parental rights, inasmuch as respondents-appellants failed to demonstrate that termination of their parental rights

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.



was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Scott L. Pavlich